

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 17, 2010, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10 are pending in this application, where claims 4 and 9 have been currently canceled without prejudice. Claims 1 and 8 are independent.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 9 and 10 for certain informalities. In response, claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice and claim 10 have been amended to remove the noted informalities. It is respectfully submitted that the objection to claims 9 and 10 has been overcome and withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, claims 2 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In response, claim 4 has been canceled without prejudice and claim 2 has been amended for better conformance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. It is respectfully submitted that this rejection of claims 2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-2, 4 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,505,404 (Ullman). Further, claims 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,313,704 (Atsumi). Claims 3 and 7 are rejected

under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) or under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ullman. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ullman in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,313,704 (Wetsel). Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ullman in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0000043 (Beutel). Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Atsumi. Applicant respectfully traverses and submits that Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10 are patentable over Ullman, Atsumi, Wetsel and Beutel for at least the following reasons.

On page 6, second paragraph of the Final Office Action, in rejecting claim 9, FIG 4 of Atsumi is cited for showing a tilted drive end. As clearly shown in FIG 4 of Atsumi, a universal joint 17 is provided "at an intermediate location of a drive shaft 18 having one end connected to the rotary output shaft 6 of the motor and carrying a bevel gear 19 at its other end " (Atsumi, column 4, lines 2-5) That is, the drive shaft 18 and the free end connected to the bevel gear 19 are two pieces that inter-connected by a rotatable universal joint 17.

In stark contrast, the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claim 8, amongst other patentable elements recites (illustrative emphasis provided):

a drive lever extending from the base part toward the shaving head along a longitudinal axis of the base, the drive lever having a free end fixedly attached to the drive lever and extending into the shaving head for driving cutters of the shaving head, wherein the free end is tilted relative the longitudinal axis of the base by an inclination angle.

A free end which is fixedly attached to the drive lever and is tilted relative the longitudinal axis of the base is nowhere disclosed or suggested in Atsumi. Rather, Atsumi


disclosed a movable end, rotated by a rotatable universal joint 17. Ullman, Wetsel and Beutel are cited to allegedly show other features and do not remedy the deficiencies in Atsumi.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claims 1 and 8 be allowed. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-3, 5-7 and 10 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1 and 8 as well as their individually patentable elements. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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